

You are probably aware of several health and emotional reasons you should not be engaging in SEXUAL ACTIVITY as or with a minor...but did you know there are LEGAL reasons as well?

Did you know that if you violate the following laws you could be at risk for probation, secured detention, or, if a case were waived to adult court jail or prison, and inclusion on the Indiana Sex Offender Registration.

Did you know that a child under the age of 16 CANNOT “consent” to sexual activity? If you are engaging in sexual activity with someone under 16, even if they are your girlfriend or boyfriend, YOU CAN BE PROSECUTED!

FOR PERSONS UNDER AGE 18:

Child Molesting: IC 35-42-4-3

A person who, with a child under fourteen (14) performs or submits to sexual intercourse or deviate sexual conduct commits Child Molesting.

Criminal Deviate (Sexual) Conduct: IC 35-42-4-2

A person who knowingly or intentionally causes another person to perform or submit to deviate sexual conduct when the other person is: 1) compelled by force or imminent threat of force; 2) unaware that the conduct is occurring; 3) is so mentally disabled that consent to the conduct cannot be given; commits Criminal Deviate Conduct.

Sexual Battery: IC 35-42-4-8

A person who, with intent to arouse or satisfy the person’s own sexual desires or the sexual desires of another person, touches another person when that person is: 1) compelled to submit to the touching by force or imminent threat of force, or 2) so mentally disabled that consent to the touching cannot be given, commits sexual battery.

Rape: IC 35-42-4-1

A person who knowingly or intentionally has sexual intercourse with a member of the opposite sex when the other person is: 1) compelled by force, or imminent threat of force; 2) unaware that the sexual intercourse is occurring; or 3) is so mentally disabled that consent to sexual intercourse cannot be given; commits Rape.

Anyone, of ANY AGE, can be charged with Child Molesting, Sexual Battery, Rape, or Deviate Sexual Conduct!

FOR PERSONS OVER AGE 18:

Sexual Misconduct With A Minor: IC 35-42-4-9

A person at least eighteen (18) who, with a child between fourteen (14) and sixteen (16) performs or submits to **any fondling or touching**, of either the child or the older person, with intent to arouse or to satisfy the sexual desires of either the child or the older person, commits Sexual Misconduct With A Minor as a Class D felony.

A person at least eighteen (18) who, with a child between fourteen (14) and sixteen (16) performs or submits to **sexual intercourse or deviate sexual conduct** commits Sexual Misconduct With a Minor as a Class C felony.